

Occupational and Wage Characteristics -- Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the occupational category with the most employees is Office and Administrative Support occupations. The highest paying occupations are those in Management and Legal occupations. For comparison, the average annual wage for the U.S. is \$36,520, the average hourly wage is \$17.56, and the median hourly wage is \$13.65.

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Occupational Category	Employed Persons	Distribution	Hourly Wage		Annual Wage	
			Average	Median*	Average	Median*
Management occupations	200,290	7.4%	\$44.01	\$40.73	\$91,550	\$84,710
Business and financial operations occupations	192,800	7.1%	\$31.91	\$29.71	\$66,380	\$61,790
Computer and mathematical occupations	174,920	6.5%	\$33.57	\$33.30	\$69,830	\$69,260
Architecture and engineering occupations	67,030	2.5%	\$32.99	\$32.05	\$68,610	\$66,670
Life, physical, and social science occupations	52,470	1.9%	\$35.48	\$34.38	\$73,800	\$71,500
Community and social services occupations	28,160	1.0%	\$20.42	\$18.50	\$42,480	\$38,480
Legal occupations	57,560	2.1%	\$44.86	\$40.71	\$93,310	\$84,680
Education, training, and library occupations	157,460	5.8%	\$22.00	\$20.52	\$45,760	\$42,680
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations	50,450	1.9%	\$25.16	\$22.95	\$52,320	\$47,730
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	111,220	4.1%	\$31.01	\$25.83	\$64,500	\$53,730
Healthcare support occupations	38,890	1.4%	\$12.48	\$11.68	\$25,970	\$24,290
Protective service occupations	72,400	2.7%	\$18.63	\$15.81	\$38,750	\$32,890
Food preparation and serving related occupations	190,470	7.0%	\$9.06	\$8.12	\$18,850	\$16,890
Building, grounds cleaning, maintenance occupations	102,970	3.8%	\$10.64	\$9.83	\$22,120	\$20,450
Personal care and service occupations	56,740	2.1%	\$11.75	\$9.64	\$24,430	\$20,050
Sales and related occupations	250,140	9.3%	\$15.53	\$10.94	\$32,290	\$22,750
Office and administrative support occupations	480,850	17.8%	\$16.78	\$15.12	\$34,910	\$31,440
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	1,290	0.0%	\$12.75	\$10.92	\$26,530	\$22,720
Construction and extraction occupations	129,620	4.8%	\$18.07	\$16.79	\$37,590	\$34,920
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	91,650	3.4%	\$19.42	\$18.52	\$40,400	\$38,510
Production occupations	71,230	2.6%	\$15.19	\$13.33	\$31,600	\$27,730
Transportation and material moving occupations	125,350	4.6%	\$14.48	\$12.11	\$30,120	\$25,180
All Occupations	2,703,960	100.0%	\$22.40	\$17.68	\$46,600	\$36,780

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* The median is the middle of a distribution: half the values are above the median and half are below the median.